

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 652

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Frank W. Wade of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Frank Wade; and

WHEREAS, Frank Wade was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of the A & H Truck Lines and Consolidated Truck Lines for over thirty years, in which positions he received numerous recognitions and awards and earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, born in Murfreesboro to John and Annie Wade, Frank Wade built his life on a strong Christian foundation, starting with his baptism at Mt. Zion Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, he excelled on the football field at Holloway High School in Murfreesboro, before graduating from Pearl High School in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army, valiantly serving his country and community until receiving an honorable discharge, at which point he pursued an education at Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, when he moved to Memphis, Mr. Wade joined Cane Creek Baptist Church and later became an active and devout member of St. John Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as deacon, member of the Board of Trustees, member of the male chorus, and member of the Official Board; he also served on the House and Transportation committees and taught the men's Sunday School class; and

WHEREAS, Frank Wade was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, a faithful and loving family man, Mr. Wade was preceded in death by his wife of fifty-five years, Josephine Gaines Wade; his parents, John and Annie Wade; his sister, Nannie Lou; and his brothers, John, George, and Roy; and

WHEREAS, his memory will be greatly cherished by his two daughters, Judge Carolyn Wade Blackett and Ms. Karen Naomi Wade; his son, Dr. Frank Darrell Wade; his five grandchildren, Philip Carrington Blackett, Aarica Jihan Blackett, Jordan Butcher Wade, Joshua Micah Wade, and Josephine Wade; his brother, Jack Wade, and his wife, Annie; his sister, Lillian Howse; his sisters-in-law, Ella W. Poindexter and Martha Robinson, and her husband, Raymond; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, family members, and friends; he will also be missed by his loyal canine companions, Robie and Lacie; and

WHEREAS, Frank Wade leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Frank W. Wade, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Frank Wade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.